



YOUR FIRST BOOK ON AMAZON

A SIMPLE
BEGINNER'S
GUIDE TO
PUBLISHING
THROUGH
KDP



WELCOME

If you've ever dreamed of holding your own book in your hands, Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) makes that possible.

KDP is Amazon's self-publishing platform that allows authors to publish paperback books, hardcovers, and eBooks without needing a traditional publisher.

Whether you're publishing your first children's book, devotional, journal, or personal story, this guide will help you understand the basic steps.

Why authors love KDP

- No upfront publishing fees
- Global Amazon reach
- Print-on-demand (no inventory required)
- Fast publishing timeline
- You keep creative control

Publishing your first book may feel overwhelming, but it's absolutely possible.



BEFORE YOU START

Make sure you have these ready:

1. Final manuscript

Your text should be fully edited and proofread.

2. Book size (trim size)

Choose the final size of your book.

Common sizes:

- 8 x 8 (great for children's books)
- 6 x 9 (great for devotionals and books)
- 8.5 x 11 (great for workbooks)

3. Cover design

You'll need a front cover or full wrap cover depending on your format.

Make sure the design is:

- high resolution (300 DPI)
- correct dimensions
- includes spine if needed

4. Interior formatting

Margins, page numbers, fonts, and spacing should be formatted for print.

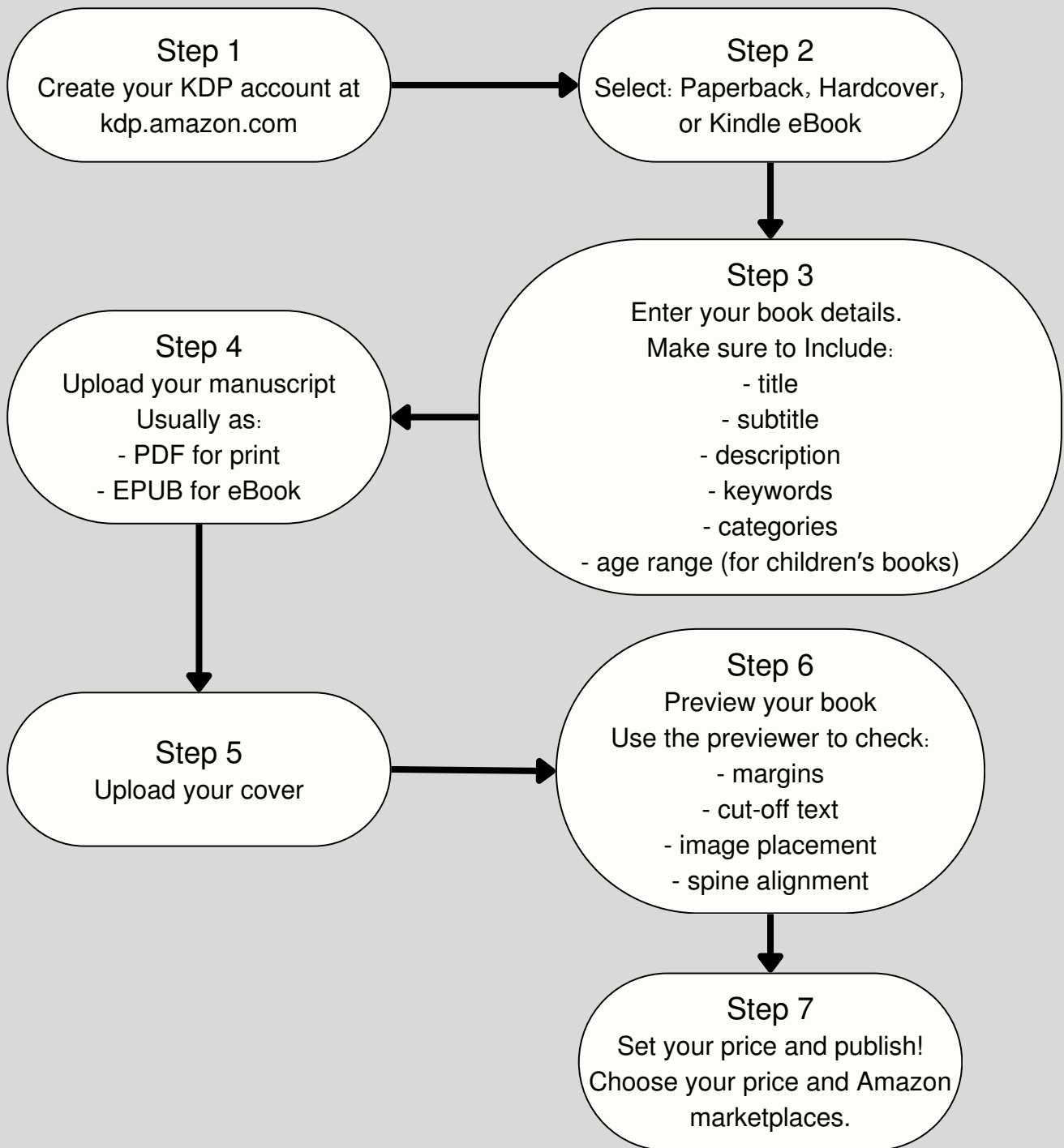
5. Author information

Prepare:

- book title
- subtitle
- description
- author name
- keywords
- categories



UPLOADING YOUR BOOK



COMMON FIRST-TIME PUBLISHING MISTAKES

Avoid these common issues:

- wrong trim size
- low-resolution images
- incorrect spine width
- missing bleed margins
- text too close to the edge
- inconsistent page numbering
- font licensing issues
- cover dimensions mismatch

These small mistakes can delay approval or lead to poor print quality.

A clean, professionally formatted book creates a much stronger first impression.



NEED HELP PUBLISHING YOUR BOOK?

If this guide helped but you'd like support with the process, I offer one-on-one publishing guidance for authors.

I can help with:

- manuscript formatting (Word, Canva, Google Docs)
- KDP upload support
- trim size setup
- cover sizing
- launch readiness
- publishing questions

Sometimes a quick call can save hours of frustration.

Let's connect through ChristianJCreations.com. You can also send me an email at hello@christianjcreations.com to book a discovery call.

I'd love to help bring your story to life.

Thanks!

